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SOCKETS USING NEGATIVE
THERMAL EXPANSION MATERIALS

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RESPONSE TO MAY 9, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an Office Action ("the Office Action") dated May 9, 2002 in connection with the above-referenced application and is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time and associated fee payment. No other fees are believed to be due in connection with this submission. However, if any additional fees are determined to be due, the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, and/or the Director of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office are authorized to charge Winstead Sechrest & Minick Deposit Account No. 23-2426, referencing matter 23804-P002C2.

REMARKS

1. *Status of the Application.* Claims 18-46 were pending in the application prior to examination. The Office Action alleges that the claims are directed to several "patentably distinct